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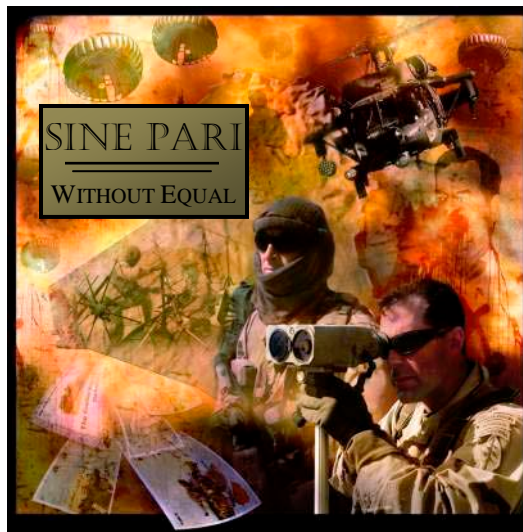
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The U.S. Army Special Operations Command — the Army component of the joint U.S. Special Operations Command — is among the most diverse organizations in the U.S. military, bringing a broad range of competencies and disciplines to support GCCs and ambassadors worldwide.

Established at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Dec. 1, 1989, to enhance the readiness of Army special operations forces, USASOC also functions as the Army component of the U.S. Special Operations Command, which is located at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

The fundamental mission of USASOC is two-fold: to organize, train and equip ARSOF units and Soldiers, and to deploy them worldwide to meet the requirements of war plans, geographic combatant commanders and ambassadors.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, few elements of the U.S. military have been more involved in the War on Terrorism than USASOC. In Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and numerous other hotspots around the world, USASOC Soldiers have been among the first forces to deploy in support of U.S. and coalition force objectives. Some of these Soldiers are now on their 13th or 14th combat rotation.



With an allocated strength of more than 28,000 personnel, USASOC commands active-duty and is responsible for training and equipping Special Forces and Support units in the Army National Guard.

USASOC has seven major subordinate commands that include the U. S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and U.S. Army Special Forces Command, both located at Fort Bragg, N.C. Located elsewhere are the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga., and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky. Also located at Fort Bragg are the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, the 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne) and the 4th Military Information Support Group.

"Regardless of where along the range of capabilities one points, be it the ability to execute the most lethal, highly complex and sensitive special operations, wage unconventional warfare, conduct special operations rotary wing operations, or prosecute civil military and influence operations and tailored sustainment to it all, the world standard is found within our Army's Special Operations Force."

-- Lt. Gen. John F. Mulholland,
Commanding General,
U.S. Army Special Operations Command

On any given day, elements of three of the five active duty Special Forces groups, one Ranger battalion, some 34 Special Operations aircraft, more than 35 Civil Affairs teams, 35 Military Information Support Operations teams and numerous supporting logistics units are deployed around the world.

Concurrently, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School continues training Special Forces, Civil Affairs, and Military Information Support and Operations Soldiers.

The operations tempo of Army Special Operations Forces is unprecedented.